

REMARKS:

Status

Claims 42 to 43 and 46 to 49 are pending. Claim 42 is the sole independent claim. Dependent claims 50 and 51 have been withdrawn.

Claim Objection

Claim 44 was objected to as being redundant with claim 42. Claim 44 has been canceled, rendering this rejection moot.

Section 112, Paragraph 2, Rejection

Claim 42 was rejected under § 112, ¶ 2, as allegedly unclear. In particular, the Office Action indicated that it was unclear if the claim included the floor, deck, or arena cover. Applicant has amended the claim to clarify that it does not include the floor, deck, or arena cover, but rather that the “clips can clip to the floor, deck or arena cover.” Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicated that claim 45 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims and to overcome the § 112, ¶ 2, rejection. Claim 42 has been amended to recite the subject matter of

claim 45. There were no intervening claims. As discussed above, claim 42 also has been amended to overcome the § 112, ¶ 2, rejection. Accordingly, claim 42 and its dependent claims are believed to be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

Section 102 and 103 Rejections

The section 102 and 103 rejections in the Office Action have been rendered moot through Applicant's amendments to claim 42, as discussed above.

Correspondence Address

Applicant notes that correspondence in this case is being sent to the undersigned attorney at 681 Woodduck Ct., Columbus, OH 43215. However, the undersigned has moved his office to 870 High St. Ste. 104, Worthington, OH 43085. Applicant's attorney attempted to correct this address in a Notice to Change Correspondence Address dated May 17, 2005. Nonetheless, the Office Action was mailed to the old address.

Applicant's attorney again requests that the address be changed to the new address, namely 870 High St. Ste. 104, Worthington, OH 43085. If this is not possible, then Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned immediately so that this problem can be resolved.

Closing

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicant's undersigned attorney can be reached at (614) 205-3241.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dane C. Butzer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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Dated: April 2, 2007